THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 27th August 1955.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Applications for credit made by co-operative societies.

[a] * 357 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many applications for credit made by co-operative societies in each district during the last two years are still pending; and

(*b*) the reasons for the delay in disposing of these applications?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Out of 319 loan applications as on 30th June 1955, 182 are still pending, out of which 68 are in North Arcot, 3 in South Arcot, 55 in Chingleput, 5 in Salem, 32 in Tanjore, 3 in Madurai, 1 in Ramanathapuram and 15 in Tirunelveli.

" (*b*) the delay is due to the following factors in the main :—

(1) Want of additional particulars from the borrowing societies.

(2) Pendency of overdues.

(3) Non-rectification of defects pointed out by the Central Banks."

Working of mass B.C.G. Vaccination.

* 366 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there has been any decrease in the number of persons vaccinated in the districts where mass B.C.G. Vaccination has been introduced?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, from the middle of June onwards."

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR :—" There has been a lot of discussion about the B.C.G. What do the letters 'B.C.G.' stand for? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" 'B' stands for Bacillus. 'C' and 'G' represent the names of the two scientists Calmette and Guerin."

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[a] Question postponed from the list of questions for the 25th August 1955.